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Military flies in to rescue crane operator

Stranded. Raging midtown Kingston condo fire prompts death-defying rescue

A worker trapped on a construction crane by a massive fire in midtown Kingston was rescued by helicopter Tuesday.

The crane operator was stranded atop the crane when fire broke out around 2:15 p.m. in an apartment building that is under construction.

A Griffon helicopter from CFB Trenton plucked the worker from the crane and took him to a waiting ambulance, and police say he was believed to have only minor injuries.

Kingston police said Tuesday evening a home near the burning building had caught fire and they were concerned for a nearby hotel as well. Of-

ficers went door-to-door in the neighbourhood advising residents to evacuate as there was concern the fire could spread to nearby buildings, including a hotel and a gas station.

Police said all construction workers are believed to be accounted for.

City buses were being used to evacuate residents who live within a few blocks of the blaze.

A public school a few blocks away was also evacuated.

Dozens of firefighters were battling the blaze.

Power was shut down in the area to make it safe for those battling the fire.

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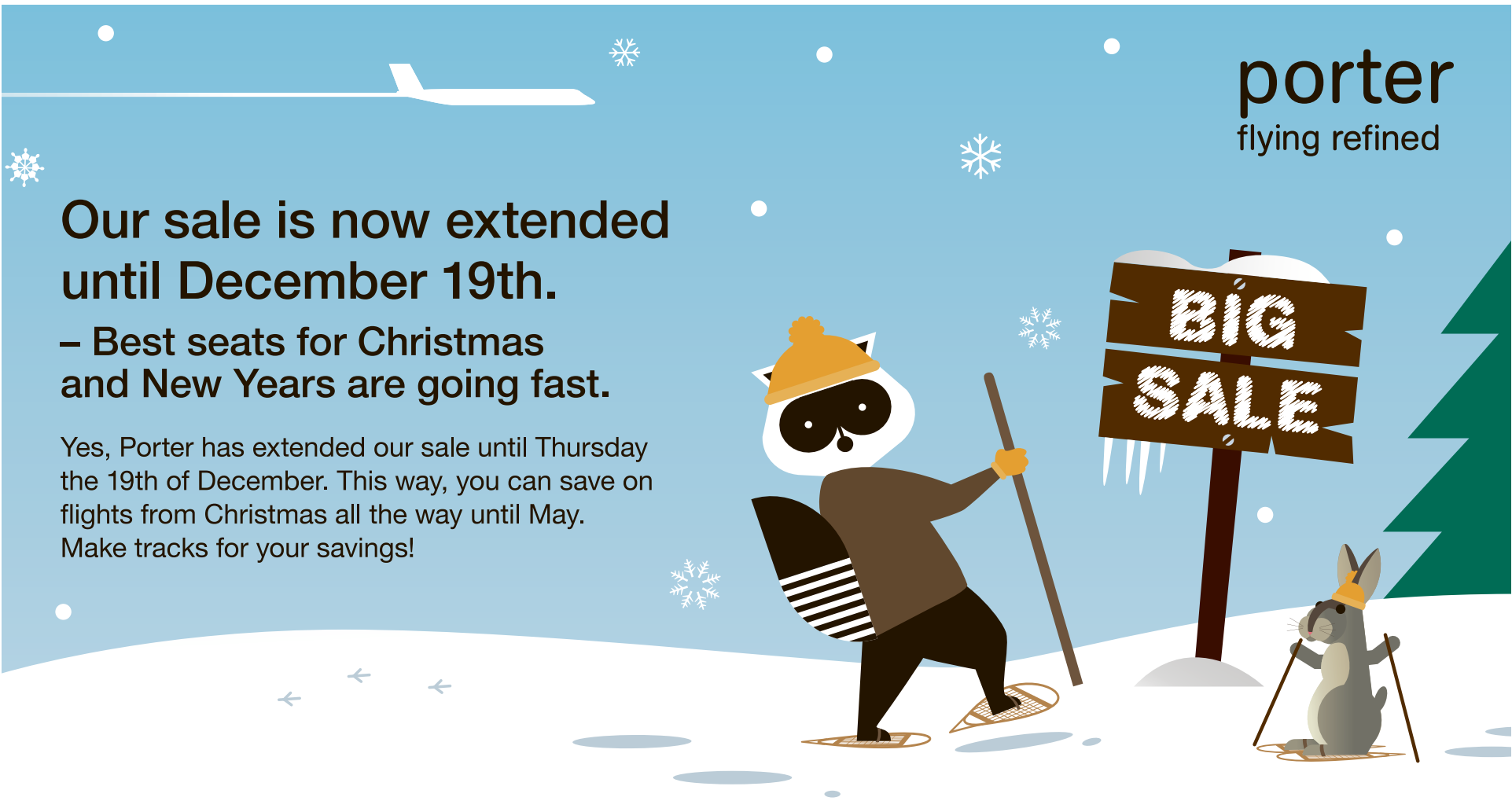
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Lowertown

Police investigate after shots fired

Ottawa police's Guns and Gangs unit is investigating after shots were fired in the 300 block of York Street overnight Monday.

Police say shots were fired at approximately 2:30 a.m. Tuesday and four casings were found in the area. No suspect information is available. Police are asking anyone with information to call the OPS Guns and Gangs unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5050 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 or toll free 1-800-222-8477.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

30 centimetres

Ottawa could see more snow this weekend

Holiday travellers in the Ottawa area are being warned that two winter-storm systems are heading to the capital in the last weekend before Christmas.

Environment Canada issued a special weather statement Tuesday afternoon advising those in the Ottawa River Valley that flurries and the potential for freezing rain are expected beginning Friday. About 5 to 10 centimetres of snow is forecast for Friday and between 10 and 20 centimetres is expected Sunday, according to Environment Canada meteorologist Mitch Meredith.

"When you get one storm people can manage around it," said Meredith. "But when you get two or three and they're close together, it affects travel, it affects flights, freezing rain could affect power."

JOE LOFARO/METRO



Former Royal Ottawa director Amanda Rousseau, 39, is shielded by boyfriend Ross Phillips outside the Ottawa courthouse Tuesday, after learning she will be sentenced in January for defrauding her employer of nearly \$20,000. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Disgraced director pleads for no jail

Mental-health care group. Crown wants fraudster jailed 12 to 18 months and ordered to pay back money



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Amanda Rousseau, the disgraced former director of the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Care Group, sobbed Tuesday as she asked a judge

to not send her to jail for defrauding her employer of nearly \$20,000.

The 39-year-old pleaded guilty to fraud and forgery earlier this year after a KPMG audit showed she made false expense claims, doctored cheques, and pocketed money meant for her employers.

"I truly do regret the impact that this has had on my company. I recognize what the Crown has said that I brought this on myself, and, yeah, I do have to live with that every day," Rousseau said.

As director, she made close to \$100,000 a year at the time of her "crimes of dishonesty," said Crown prosecutor Caroline Thibault.

Earlier this year she was also convicted of misappropriating funds and stealing thousands from a patient named Tamara Lee Wyman.

Rousseau has a son in his 20s and a 13-year-old daughter and is now working as a hairstylist. She said she is concerned for her son because he's been having suicidal thoughts at the idea of her being jailed.

"The Crown herself has

children and no matter what actions you do in life, you totally will always worry about your children," said Rousseau, who represented herself. "I beg the courts for a conditional (sentence) so I can be there for my kids."

Thibault blasted the accused for attempting to identify with her as a mother.

"(Her son) needs professional help and to impose this guilt, and even in the same sentence refer to me as having children, is absolutely deplorable," Thibault said.

Rousseau will be sentenced on Jan. 3, 2014.

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Ken Campbell, president of Jaku Konbit, a non-profit African community organization, lights a kinara to commemorate Kwanza at Ottawa police headquarters on Tuesday. Also pictured is Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Kwanza candles light up police station to 'celebrate diversity'

'Building relationships.' President of African community organization says message of holiday is 'to build strong family and community.'

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Kwanza is about a week away, but seven kinara candles were lit at Ottawa police headquarters yesterday to commemorate the African heritage holiday.

Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau said the station opened its doors for the event to "celebrate diversity" but also "do a check-in" with the community.

"This is about ... celebrat-

ing a diverse community, but also about building relationships," he said.

That theme of diversity and unity resonated throughout the event.

"The whole message of Kwanza is to build strong family and community," said Ken Campbell, president of Jaku Konbit, a non-profit African community organization, before the lighting of ceremonial candles.

"You can't have a strong city without having a strong family. So you start with a family, you build your community and, in a way, it'll also help to build the city."

The fact this candle lighting was barely two weeks after the death of South African icon Nelson Mandela was not lost on the celebration.

"It is a special time because it did impact us all,"

said Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi. "We all have very vivid and strong memories of what Nelson Mandela stood for in terms of not only fighting for liberation of South Africa, but also, I think, making us all recognize what equality means and how core a human value equality is."

Kwanza runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, with one candle of the kinara lit each day.

Ottawa's Kwanza celebration will be Dec. 28 at the Ukrainian Banquet Hall at 1000 Byron Ave.

About 300 people came out last year for an afternoon of dancing and drumming.

This year's event will feature Toronto's Ballet Creole.

Celebrations will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Entrance costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson serves Grade 6 student Carlos Reyes a plate of turkey. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

'Mr. Mayor' serves up holiday feast to 'gigantic family' of local students

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Coun. Maria McRae spent the afternoon Tuesday serving up turkey and mashed potatoes smothered in gravy to students at St. Elizabeth Catholic School.

Garbed in an Ottawa Senators apron, Watson fielded questions and greetings from the kids, who all wanted to meet "Mr. Mayor," as they

called him.

"It's a great way to give back to some students who may not have as elaborate a meal on Christmas Day," said Watson, filling up a student's plate. "It's just a small gesture on our part to wish them the very best in holiday season."

The school's principal Donna Palmer-Dodds had

an ear-to-ear smile as she watched the kids fill their bellies with homemade goods made by teachers and other staff.

It was especially important, Palmer-Dodds said, as she knows Tuesday was the only time that some of the kids will get to enjoy such a meal.

"In this community, it's

very important to have a turkey dinner," she said. "A lot of these kids won't be able to enjoy a turkey dinner over the Christmas holidays, so this is their one time to celebrate Christmas and it's great, because we are a big, huge, gigantic family here, so we are having Christmas together like a family."

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An artist's rendering of the City of Ottawa's design for a new 10-unit affordable-housing complex on Old St. Patrick Street. CONTRIBUTED

City commits \$1.2M to housing project

Simple goal. Get people off the street and into homes they can afford: Mayor



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Ottawa is "making a dent" in the city's housing crunch with a new 10-unit affordable housing project on Old St. Patrick Street announced Tuesday morning.

The new affordable-housing complex — which Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson says is replacing an old "eyesore" at 454-456 Old St. Patrick Street — will boast

four two-bedroom units, five three-bedroom units and one four-bedroom unit and will be close to parks, schools, transit, and city and social services.

"Our goal is simple. It's to get people off the street and out of temporary shelters into homes that they can afford," said Watson, adding the city has invested \$14 million in housing and homelessness initiatives, including \$4 million directly towards renovating older properties and building new homes for Ottawa's needy. "It's a small amount, 10 units, but we are going to battle the homelessness and housing problem one step at a time."

The city chipped in \$1.23 million towards the complex

with Ottawa Community Housing adding another \$1.3 million for the project.

Coun. Peter Hume said the building is geared towards low-income families, as they are the "most vulnerable residents" in the city.

"The new units will provide 10 families with children who are currently on our centralized waiting list for subsidized housing with a new place to call home," said Hume. "This investment will ensure that local families can afford a roof over their heads and an opportunity for a better life."

Hume said construction is to start immediately with the hopes that residents can move into the building next summer.

Scam. Fake Salvation Army solicitors hitting Ottawa this Christmas, police warn

If somebody knocks on your door asking for you to donate to the Salvation Army this holiday season, don't give that person your money.

Politely decline, close the door and call the police.

The Salvation Army and Ottawa Police are warning residents about suspicious door-to-door campaigners that claim to be from the local charity.

"There is no door-to-door canvassing, nor has there been for many years," said Salvation Army public relations director Sean Maddox.

According to reports from people in Westboro and Centretown, individuals knocked on doors proffering a laminated letter of support,

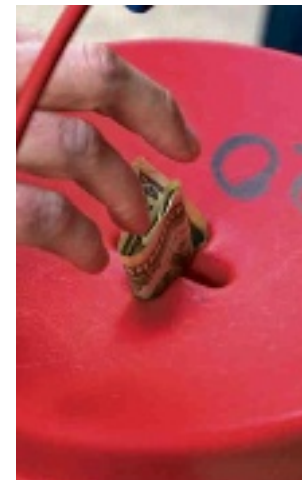
but had no identification.

One woman reported giving \$20 to a man who "looks scruffy." She then notified the Salvation Army and her neighbours.

Maddox said the scam is especially concerning around this time of year, as the Salvation Army launched its annual kettle campaign last month. Christmas is a big time for the charity and he figures the scammers are trying to "blend in."

"It's very concerning because it diminishes the public's faith in giving," he said.

Maddox urges anyone wishing to donate to the Salvation Army to do so at the mall, at one of its offices or through direct mail. **METRO**



Ottawa's Salvation Army is warning residents about suspicious door-to-door solicitors. GETTY IMAGES



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WaterCan. Ottawa NGO wants to give Ethiopian kids the gift of clean water

It's not a conventional present you'd find under the Christmas tree, but students at eight Ethiopian schools will be gifted with clean water this holiday season.

WaterCan, an Ottawa non-governmental organization that advocates for access to clean water, is running its fifth annual Gifts of Water campaign. Every year, 2,000 children under the age of five die from lack of clean water.

"It's a great way of giving a gift that has meaning," said Graham Milner, special projects co-ordinator for WaterCan.

"Not every gift comes from a mall."

Instead of a wrapped present, a gift-giver can buy a water donation under a family member's name. WaterCan will keep donors up to date with the projects throughout the year.

This year's fundraising goal is \$90,000 for clean water to eight schools in Ethiopia — a total of 6,000 students. So far, the campaign has raised about half that amount.

"None of the schools have what we'd call access to adequate water," Milner said.

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An Ethiopian child drinks from a newly installed well. WaterCan, an Ottawa NGO, is running its annual Gifts of Water campaign to raise funds for clean water access to eight Ethiopian schools. CONTRIBUTED

Health-care funding

Ontario shafted by Tories: Matthews

Ontario's health minister says the federal government has betrayed Canada's most populous province by breaking its promise over health-care funding.

Deb Matthews says the Conservatives promised a six per cent increase in health transfers, but are only giving Ontario half of that.

She says that means Ontario is out \$300 million,

while Alberta is getting a 38 per cent increase.

Matthews says it's a devastating blow to Ontario, which is grappling with rising health-care costs as its population ages.

She says she's trying to cut costs, but the Harper Tories appear to be balancing their budget on the backs of Ontario patients.

Ottawa is cutting \$641 million in transfer payments to Ontario — the only province that will see fewer federal dollars in 2014-15.

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Renowned soprano to sing for local charities

Grammy winner.

Kathleen Battle recruited to sing Christmas classics for CHEO fundraiser

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Five-time Grammy award-winner Kathleen Battle doesn't do operas anymore. The soprano saves her voice for smaller concerts.

But she's coming back to Ottawa Dec. 21 to do a concert for an important cause.

The Chamber Players of Canada is bringing in Battle for its annual Christmas concert, which will raise funds this year for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and young people's initiatives at the annual Music and Beyond festival.

"Anyone who is a classical music fan will not want to miss this," said Chamber Players of Canada's artistic director Julian Armour.

Battle's performances range from Baroque era to contemporary pieces. For her Ottawa show, she will fill the church with Christmas classics like Handel's excerpts from the Messiah, Silent Night and O Holy Night.

The Ottawa Regional Youth Choir and the Capital Chamber Choir will join Battle, as will Dr. Fraser Rubens, an Ottawa cardiac surgeon and who is also a tenor.



Five-time Grammy award-winner Kathleen Battle is coming to Ottawa for the annual Chamber Players of Canada show Dec. 21, which will raise money for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. CONTRIBUTED

Armour said proceeds are going towards the children's hospital and music because "there are strong ties between music and healing."

"This is the first of what I think is going to be a major initiative," he said.

The fundraising goal is \$40,000 — to be evenly split between Music and Beyond and CHEO.

Battle last came to Ottawa in 2010 for the annual Music and Beyond festival.

Interested?

Christmas with Kathleen Battle is set for Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m., at the Dominion-Chalmers United Church (355 Cooper St.).

- Tickets range from \$40-\$100. Special fundraising tickets are also available for \$400 and include access to a reception and a tax receipt.

- Tickets are available at CD Warehouse, Compact Music, the Leading note, Books on Beechwood and the Music and Beyond/Chamber Players of Canada's office (51 William St.).

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Reporter rejects Ford's 'apology'

Defamation.

Toronto mayor's statement not enough to halt lawsuit

Rob Ford's apology Tuesday for his televised comments about Daniel Dale failed to satisfy the Toronto Star reporter, who said he is going ahead with a defamation lawsuit against the Toronto mayor.

Ford read a statement in council saying he didn't intend to suggest Dale is a pedophile during a televised interview with Conrad Black.

"I never called Mr. Dale a pedophile," Ford said. "I have never used that word to describe Mr. Dale. I do not believe Mr. Dale is a pedophile nor did I intend to suggest that in my comments."

Ford said he apologizes if his "actual words" have caused Dale any harm or personal offence. The mayor called it "unfortunate" that a word he never said has been "ascribed" to him by the media.

Those remarks come a week after Ford initially said he stood by every word of the interview.

Dale served Ford last week

with a libel notice, demanding the mayor retract all of his false claims about what happened during an incident near Ford's house in May 2012 and issue an "unreserved, abject, complete apology."

Hours after Ford read his statement, Dale issued one of his own on Twitter, saying Ford's apology didn't even come close to what he sought.

"In his 'apology,' the mayor didn't retract anything at all," Dale wrote. "Instead, he blamed the media for its reasonable interpretation of his words."

During the interview with Black, which aired Dec. 9 on VisionTV, Ford claimed that Dale was in his backyard, "taking pictures of little kids."

"I don't want to say that word, but you start thinking what this guy is all about," Ford said.

If pedophile wasn't "that word," then someone should ask Ford what word he was suggesting, Dale said in an interview.

"I think to some extent now it doesn't matter what he was suggesting," Dale said. "Whether it's his intent or not it's the impression that was left and I don't think it's because the media misinterpreted him." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The reluctant apologist

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has been forced to apologize for various behaviours and off-colour or insulting remarks since the so-called crack video scandal broke in May.

Dec. 17:

Reluctantly apologized for suggesting members of council were "corrupt." He initially withdrew his comments, but speaker Frances Nunziata said he needed to apologize. "Which one do you want, Madam Speaker?" Ford said sarcastically. "Like, 'Super, super, super, super, super, super, super sorry? So sorry?'"

Nov. 18:

Apologizes for running into Coun. Pam McConnell and knocking her over during a council meeting to strip the mayor of most of his powers. "It was a complete accident," Ford said.

Nov. 14:

Apologizes for crude remarks he made earlier that day in which he denied offering a former female

staffer oral sex, saying he had "more than enough to eat at home."

Nov. 8:

Appears ashamed while delivering a statement in response to a video that surfaced of a rambling, enraged Ford in a profanity-laced tirade in which he threatens to kill someone. "Obviously, I was extremely, extremely inebriated," he said.

Nov. 5:

Apologizes after admitting he had indeed smoked crack cocaine, likely in one of his drunken stupors.

Nov. 3:

Apologizes on his now-cancelled weekly radio show on Newstalk1010 for making mistakes including appearing in public while "hammered" and texting while driving.

May 27:

Apologizes to reporters for calling them a "bunch of maggots" during his radio show. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Mayor Rob Ford looks up to the press gallery as he concludes reading an apology to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale in Toronto on Tuesday.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hollywood gets the cold shoulder

Actress Pamela Anderson and a co-creator of The Simpsons received a frosty reception in St. John's, N.L., on Tuesday as they tried to present a \$1-million incentive to help end the East Coast seal hunt.

Members of the Fish, Food and Allied Workers union, representing sealers, shouted questions at Anderson and Sam Simon during a chaotic news conference outside the office of the Canadian Sealers Association.

Simon offered a giant \$1-million cheque to the Canadian Sealers Association and said his intention is to respectfully encourage governments to legislate an end to seal licences while protecting aboriginal hunts.

In a letter dated Tuesday to Eldred Woodford, president of the Canadian Sealers Association, Simon said he's making the offer after the World Trade Organization upheld Europe's ban on imported seal products.

A dispute settlement panel said last month that aspects of the embargo undermine fair trade but can be justified



Hollywood actress Pamela Anderson and Sam Simon, producer of The Simpsons, talk to media outside the Canadian Sealers Association in St. John's, N.L., Tuesday. They attempted to deliver to the association a letter with a \$1-million cheque to end the annual commercial seal hunt, but the office remained closed. **PAUL DALY/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

on "public moral concerns" for animal welfare.

"With bans firmly in place across Europe, Russia, the U.S., and other countries, the writing is on the wall," says the letter.

"The seal trade is finished. Leaders as diverse as President

Obama and Vladimir Putin embrace this change, yet Canadian politicians remain too timid to initiate a buyout for fear of upsetting swing voters in Eastern Canada — and because they don't seem to care about individual sealers."

The association's office

was closed and no one from the association was present.

Ottawa and the provincial government announced they'll spend almost \$500,000 on a joint pilot project to offer seal meat at stores in Canada and overseas in the new year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rob Ford, royal baby and twerking. Google reveals year's top search terms

After dissecting the more than 40 billion queries submitted throughout 2013, Google Canada has declared Toronto's notorious Mayor Rob Ford as search term of the year.

While Facebook was the absolute top search of the year — as it has been for several years running — Ford topped Google's so-called trending list, representing the search terms that stood out most compared to previous web history.

Ford was followed by the late Glee actor Cory Monteith, who died of an overdose in July; Fast and Furious actor Paul Walker, who was killed in a car crash last month; murder victim Tim Bosma; and the Boston marathon.

Nelson Mandela, royal baby, North Korea, the Harlem Shake dance craze and Lac-Mégantic rounded out the Top 10 list.

One of the most interesting annual lists Google releases is a countdown of trending "what is" searches, which reveals what topics web searchers were



Miley Cyrus "twerking" onstage with Robin Thicke during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York City. **NEILSON BARNARD/GETTY IMAGES**

keen to learn more about.

"What is twerking" topped the list, and the provocative dance was also the No. 1 "how to" search. Fracking was second on the "what is" list, followed by ricin, bbm, molly, bitcoin, Monsanto, Snapchat, EPO and DOMA.

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Murder trial. Knox declares innocence in email to Italian court

Amanda Knox declared her innocence in her roommate's 2007 murder in a highly unusual email Tuesday to the Italian court hearing the case against her. The former U.S. exchange student also said she was staying away from the trial out of fear of being wrongly convicted.

"I didn't kill. I didn't rape. I didn't rob. I didn't plot. I didn't instigate. I didn't kill Meredith," Knox wrote.

Presiding Judge Alessan-

dro Nencini read the five-page email written in Italian into the court record. He noted that the email, presented by Knox's lawyers before their closing arguments, was not a normal procedure in Italy. He said it highlighted Knox's absence and indicated it did not have the same legal standing as a declaration made in person.

Knox explained her absence was out of fear that she would be wrongly convicted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Scotland Yard

No evidence found tying SAS to death of Princess Diana

London's police force said Tuesday there is "no credible evidence" that British special forces were involved in the deaths of Princess

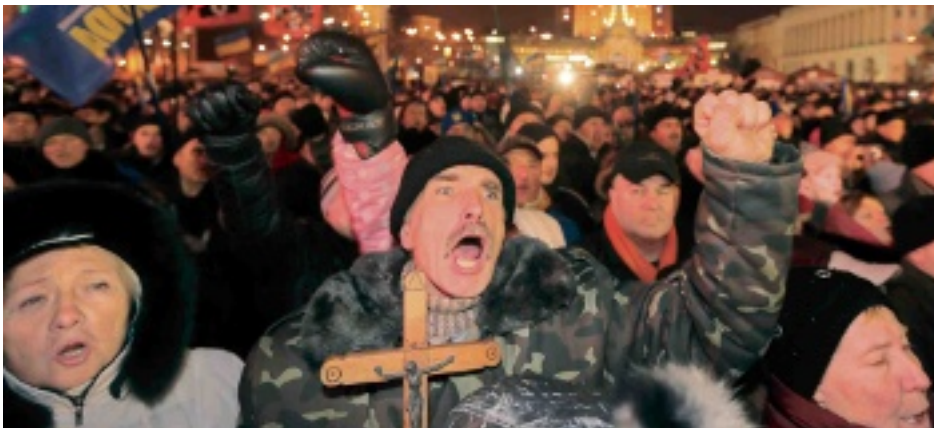
Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and it will not reopen the investigation.

Scotland Yard has been looking into claims that the SAS had played a role.

The claims, widely reported in the British media, were made by an ex-SAS member identified only as Soldier N.

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Putin offers Ukraine \$15B bailout, cheap gas



Pro-European Union activists gather during a rally in Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Tuesday.

EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passageway. Ukraine serves as a key conduit for Russian natural gas exports to Europe

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday opened

his wallet in the battle with the European Union over Ukraine's future, saying Moscow will buy \$15 billion worth of Ukrainian government bonds and sharply cut the price of natural gas for its economically struggling neighbour.

The announcements

came after Putin held talks in Moscow with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, who is facing massive protests at home for his decision to shelve a pact with the EU in favour of closer ties with Moscow. Russia's bailout package angered protesters, who immedi-

ately accused Yanukovich of selling out the country to the Kremlin.

Washington said the Kremlin agreements would not address concerns of the demonstrators in Kyiv, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel dismissed what she described as a "bidding competition" over Ukraine.

Putin's move came as Ukraine said it desperately needs to get at least \$10 billion in the coming months to avoid bankruptcy. The Fitch ratings agency has given Ukraine's bonds a B-minus rating, which puts them in "junk bond" territory.

Putin sought to calm protesters in Kyiv by saying he and Yanukovich didn't discuss the prospect of Ukraine joining a Moscow-dominated economic bloc they fear will pull their country closer into Russia's orbit.

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Ethan
St. Catharines, ON

Sometimes, good things come in small packages. Ethan, a Pee-Wee hockey player from St. Catharines, ON, has been collecting used hockey equipment since 2009 and distributing it to underprivileged hockey players throughout Ontario and around the world.

Julia and Emma
Oakville, ON

Goodness runs in their family. Teen sisters Julia and Emma from Oakville, ON made it their mission to collect books for remote "fly-in" communities in Northern Ontario. Their charity Books With No Bounds has collected and distributed over 27,000 books.

George
Oliver, BC

Wherever help is needed in Oliver, BC, you'll find George. He spends his life spreading goodness in so many ways, but what's really special is the time and effort he devotes to growing fresh vegetables for others. Last year, he donated 1800lbs of veggies to the food bank.

Coby
North York, ON

This story proves that you can always make time to spread goodness. Coby leads a busy life in North York, ON, but he regularly visits a long-term home for the elderly. Through the joy of music and song, he, and a group of volunteers from The House, bring smiles and a little human tenderness to the aged.

Sharon
Brandon, MB

One person can fill an entire community with goodness. Sharon, from Brandon, MB, is in her retirement years, but she still works 5 days a week at her local soup kitchen. There by 6 a.m. every morning, she tirelessly cooks hot meals for 125-150 people from all walks of life.



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Still grieving, Lac-Mégantic residents begin rebuilding their shattered town

Healing process.

A team of 11 grief counsellors stays busy providing individual and group therapy

Staring at the spot where her sister's bed once stood, all she could make out amid the ash was a nest of mattress springs gnarled by the intense heat.

Louise Boulet said the building that housed younger sister Marie-France's home had burned to the foundation shortly after a runaway train carrying volatile crude oil roared into her Quebec town of Lac-Mégantic.

The tanker wagons bounced off the tracks in July and erupted in a series of powerful explosions, razing part of Lac-Mégantic's core and killing 47 people in the middle of the night.

Marie-France Boulet, 62, was among the victims, though officials could not positively identify her remains. Her sister believes she was likely deep asleep.

With 2013 coming to a close, the Boulet family, like so many in the region, are working to rebuild their lives and their town following a disaster that grabbed the world's attention.

Since the July 6 crash, millions of dollars in government funding has been pledged for the massive environmental cleanup and reconstruction; blueprints have been sketched for a new downtown; and discussions are underway to see whether the tracks can eventually be re-routed outside of railway-dependent Lac-Mégantic.

All of these changes are taking place amid an ongoing grieving process for the town of 6,000.



Workers clear debris and decontaminate the soil earlier this month on the main street of Lac-Mégantic, Que., months after an oil tanker train exploded and burned part of downtown in July. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Boulet clan, who held a funeral for Marie-France in

September, is one of three families advised this month

that the remains of their loved one could not be identified.

To date, eight of the 47 victims have yet to be positively identified through scientific testing, though their deaths have been declared.

The healing process has been difficult for many in Lac-Mégantic.

The autumn calendar was filled with funeral after funeral and locals have had to make do without their old gathering places, such as the shops along Lac-Mégantic's charming downtown strip. The area has been transformed into a large construction site enclosed by fences.

The annual hum of Christmas shoppers has been replaced by the rumble of backhoes and dump trucks.

"It's not a big town. I stopped going to funerals after the eighth funeral," said resident Lucie Bilodeau, whose boyfriend's niece was killed in the crash.

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Lac-Mégantic

Rail traffic set to resume

The tracks have been repaired and trains are set to roll through Lac-Mégantic on Wednesday, five months after a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed, exploded and killed 47 people.



Smoke rises from railway cars in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The town was built on

the railroad, which remains a vital component for local industry and the economy.

Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd., the company at the centre of the disaster, is expected to be sold in the coming weeks. Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche is concerned the next owner could resume cash-generating oil shipments through the town. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Facebook video ads may 'push people away'

Monetizing socializing. Ads silently auto-playing in news feeds a hit with investors, but some users do not like the idea

Investors are giving a thumbs-up to the idea of Facebook making hundreds of millions in new revenue from video ad-

vertisements, but some users argue that the social network is already too cluttered and has become more about commercialism than communing with friends.

Facebook said Tuesday that it's testing video advertisements that show up in its users' news feeds. As part of the test, some of its users on Thursday will see a series of videos teasing an upcoming movie.

Thumbs down?

Video ads could be the "final straw" for young adults.

Jon Knott, a 22-year-old Facebook user, predicted the ads could be the straw that breaks the camel's back for some users.

While investors liked the idea, with Facebook's shares hitting an all-time high of

\$55.18 US on the news Tuesday, the reaction from users has been less positive.

Ben Wachtel, a 23-year-old and a Facebook user since high school, says he feels like he and his friends are using the social network less and less, as ads crowd out posts from real people. "If they add videos, especially auto play ones, it's just going to push people away."

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Replaces the late Larsson

New author to pen Girl With Dragon Tattoo sequel

The Swedish publisher of the bestselling The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo trilogy said Tuesday it has hired an author to write a sequel to the series by Stieg Larsson, who died in 2004.

Norstedts said it signed a contract with David Lagercrantz, the author of I Am Zlatan, a biography of Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the captain of Sweden's soccer team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Smile, Siam Paragon mall, you're No. 1 on Instagram!

Will she be posting that pic of an aquatic animal display at Siam Ocean World in Siam Paragon shopping mall to Instagram? Sure, the Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal and the Grand Canyon are picturesque. But the luxury mall in the heart of Bangkok has claimed this year's crown as the world's most photographed location on Instagram in 2013, says the photo-sharing app. It edged out No. 2 Times Square and No. 3 Disneyland in California, as well as New York's Central Park and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

By the time you read this, someone could be at least \$636 million richer.

That's the U.S. Mega Millions jackpot, which was drawn last night. If nobody wins, the next draw will be Friday, and the prize will approach \$1 billion, which is so ridiculous, it's hard to type.

Of course, Uncle Sam gets his half right off the top, but that will still be a cool half-billion after taxes.

Buried somewhere in the fine print are the odds, which are only about one in 259 million. But somebody has to win eventually, and it won't be you if you don't buy a ticket.

Canadians are eligible to buy a Mega Millions ticket, but only if they cross-border shop to do it. So when you're shopping for cheese or cheap gas, don't forget your one-in-259-million chance to join the one per cent overnight.



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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I wonder if the latest Mega Millionaire will follow the example of Calgarian Tom Crist, who won \$40 million in the Lotto Max recently, then decided to give it all away to charity to commemorate his wife, who died of lung cancer two years ago.

Tom says he's already financially secure thanks to his successful business and he doesn't need the money. But I imagine it's not easy to give away 40 million bucks, never mind 600 zillion.

Tom's story is particularly compelling because this is the season of giving and he sets the bar pretty high. Even the post-ghost Ebenezer Scrooge looks like a piker in comparison.

For years now, my wife has been dutifully buying lottery tickets while I scoff and snort in a nearby dark corner. Just as dutifully, she lists all the people she will help when she wins \$40 million or whatever. And as much as I ridicule the whole

process as pointless, it's not long before I start worrying how we're going to afford the villa on the Riviera while fighting cancer and paying off the mortgages of various friends and relatives.

And then, I remember:

1. It's her ticket. If I want the villa on the Riviera, I can buy my own ticket.

2. The odds of winning Lotto Max aren't quite one in 259 million, but I'm more likely to be hit by lightning, and how many times has that happened, touch wood? So what am I going on about?

3. Whatever happened to my generosity of spirit? It's pretty bad when I can't even imagine giving it away.

So thanks, Tom Crist. With the Spirit of Crist-mas present, you've inspired me to go out, buy a lottery ticket and think about giving it all away. If no one has claimed the Mega Millions prize after last night's draw, I may even head for the border and buy a ticket so I can imagine giving \$600 zillion away. What joy! Of course, there's no chance I'll actually win anything, is there?

So don't get too excited out there.

ZOOM

Carnivorous plant pic wins award

A picture of a meat-eating water plant has won this year's Olympus BioScapes International Digital Imaging Competition. Polish-born biologist Igor Siwanowicz's photo shows the inside of an open trap of aquatic carnivorous plant, the humped bladderwort (*Utricularia gibba*), which digests micro invertebrates sucked into its trap. **METRO**

Q and A

An underwater hunter



IGOR SIWANOWICZ
Biologist, 37, from Krakow, Poland, based in Ashburn, Va.

How does it catch its prey?

Antenna-like 'trigger hairs' guide an aquatic arthropod toward the trapdoor. Touching a hair causes the entrance to bulge inward. The plant's walls rapidly spring back to their initial position and the prey is sucked in within a millisecond!

It looks like a sort of bizarre, otherworldly vessel.

Yes, like an alien treasure stash! Honestly, if I tried I couldn't have planned this image to turn out this way. This photograph stands as a salute to nature's ingenuity.



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It's a familiar refrain: An app debuts, gets popular and then gets banned from either the iTunes store or the Google Play store for violating our mobile overlords' terms of service. In the case of Apple, banning an app from iTunes effectively kills it (unless you're willing to jailbreak your phone), but Android's relative openness allows for side-loading apps. So, for all you Android users out there, here are some of the best of the banned:



CONTRIBUTED

Falcon Pro (getfalcon.pro):

Arguably one of the best Twitter clients for Android, Falcon Pro vanished from the Play store last summer. To be fair, it wasn't Google's doing, but rather Twitter's. The company's user limit for third-party clients — which some believe is an attempt to corral everyone into the official app — kiboshed Falcon for new users. Fortunately, you can still install the app, and a little Googling will show you how to circumvent Twitter's limit.

CyanogenMod (cyanogenmod.org):

CyanogenMod is a user-created alternative to stock Android. It's the most popular Android remix on the

market, and allows users get the latest version of the OS if their manufacturer hasn't released an update. An easy-to-use installer for CyanogenMod was booted from the Play store in November but can still be found online. Be warned, as Google claims installing CyanogenMod can void your warranty.

Amazon Appstore (amazon.com/getappstore):

Google may not always be evil, but they do hate competition. Intended for Kindle users, the Amazon Appstore contains many of the same apps as the official Play store, and also offers regular sales and freebies. Fortunately, the app is still available via Amazon's website.

Comments

RE: The Vomit Face, The Dislike And The Nobody Cares: Facebook Buttons We'd 'Like', says Metro's Jessica Napier, published Dec. 17

@debbiepalm44: Twitter needs them too!

@luxembourg5: OK, the facebook buttons sound great, but enough already about trashing Rob Ford~it gets boring.

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Hollywood's in for the long con

American Hustle.

Bale's latest role has him playing a con artist who helps the FBI, but with this genre, it's a con that's been seen before



IN FOCUS
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"You're a con artist," wrote Karina Halle in *Sins & Needles*. "A liar. A thief. An unredeemable soul."

She might also have added to that colourful list really interesting movie character.

As despicable as flim flam artists may be, there is no denying they make good film subjects.

This weekend in *American Hustle*, Christian Bale plays Irving Rosenfeld, a con man forced to help the FBI ensnare a group of corrupt politicians in the ABSCAM sting operation.

Although *American Hustle* director David O. Russell says his film is a fictionalized account of events, the ABSCAM operation was headline news in the early 1980s and Hollywood took notice.

In 1982 director Louis Malle was making plans for a May start date on an ABSCAM film called *Moon Over Miami* starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi. Belushi was to play Melvin Weinberg, based on the same man as Bale's character in *American Hustle*. The movie was scuttled following Belushi's death in March of that year.

That con man film never saw the light of day, but many others have.



Amy Adams and Christian Bale star in *American Hustle*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Everyone knows *The Sting* and *The Grifters*, but lesser seen is David Mamet's *The Spanish Prisoner*, a complicated story starring Campbell Scott as Joe Ross, a man who invents a process "to control the world market." Concerned that he will not be properly compensated for his work he contacts Jimmy Dell

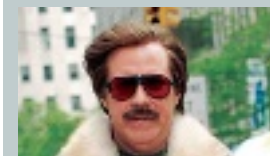
(Steve Martin), a wealthy businessman who offers to help. Little does Ross know that he has just stepped into a world of deception that will change his life.

Steve Martin's performance in *The Spanish Prisoner* was Oscar worthy, but it wasn't the first time he played a confidence man on

film.

In the comedy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* he starred opposite Michael Caine as a scruffy con man trying to muscle in on some high end business on the French Riviera. Caine's suave grifter makes a bet with Martin. Whoever can con Soap Queen Janet Colgate (Glenn Head-

Movie review



Stay classy Will Ferrell

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues

Stars. Will Ferrell, Steve Carell

Anchorman 2 may not be as classy (or as funny) as its 2004 progenitor but it's definitely more outrageous. For better or worse, star and co-writer Will Ferrell clearly had free rein with a foolish fable of the hapless broadcaster taking on the televised origin of 24-hour news. Ferrell and his star-studded cast will surely earn laughs — even if the sequel falls short of the original's cohesion.

STEVE GOW/METRO

ley) first will walk away with \$50,000.

The movie was written for Mick Jagger and David Bowie who were looking to do a project together after the success of their *Dancing in the Street* video. The rock stars dropped out before cameras rolled — Bowie later said both were, "a bit tweezed that we lost out on a script that could have been reasonably good" — and replaced by Martin and Caine whose hilarious performances earned the movie a spot on Bravo's 100 Funniest Movies list.

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Beyoncé's new album won't hit the Target

It seems not everyone enjoyed the surprise Beyoncé pulled off with her latest album, which debuted online last week with no prior notice. Retail chain Target, in fact, is refusing to carry the album, according to Billboard.

"At Target we focus on offering our guests a wide assortment of physical CDs, and when a new album is available digitally before it is available physically, it

impacts demand and sales projections," a spokeswoman for the chain says. "While there are many aspects that contribute to our approach and we have appreciated partnering with Beyoncé in the past, we are primarily focused on offering CDs that will be available in a physical format at the same time as all other formats. At this time, Target will not be carrying Beyoncé's new self-titled album Beyoncé."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Lil Wayne isn't dead, but the Internet is ready if he is

THE
WORD
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At this point, Lil Wayne is basically a superhero, given how many times he's come back from the dead.

Yet another Lil Wayne death rumour was making the rounds on Facebook Tuesday. RIP Rapper Lil Wayne Found Dead, the video reads, before prompting the user to share it before viewing. Not to worry, though — the rapper is alive and well.



It's not clear where this latest rumour springs from (the Inquisitr speculates it could be a Facebook data harvesting scam, since you have to share the video to view it), but it's far from the first time death rumours have swirled around the rapper. The most credible was this summer, when he was hospitalized for seizures and TMZ reported that

he was on his deathbed. However, he recovered.

Why is Lil Wayne such a frequent target of death rumours? Maybe because his real health problems make them quasi-credible. The rapper is epileptic, which is what landed him in the hospital this summer.

"It got real bad because I got three (seizures) in a row, and on the third one my heart rate went down to, like, 30 per cent," he said in a radio interview with Power 106. "Basically, I could've died soon. That's why it was so serious."

I guess he can take some comfort in knowing that if (God forbid) anything ever does happen to him, the Internet has a bunch of In Memoriam videos all ready to go.



Jason Bateman

Bateman urges Aniston to get married

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have been getting some well-intentioned pressure to just go ahead and tie the knot already from someone very close to them: good friend Jason Bateman.

"Jason has been one of the biggest cheerleaders for Justin to pull the trigger and marry Jen," a source tells Radar Online.

"Jen has had her own trepidations, too, after her marriage to Brad Pitt failed. But Jason loves both of them to pieces and as a longtime married father of two himself, he's a better example of how to achieve personal happiness in Hollywood."

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!
If all this white stuff make visions of mogul bumps dance in your head, here are a few exciting developments you should know about for the 2013-2014 ski season.



ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie
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Rossland's Red Mountain

Just in time for the 2013/2014 ski season, Red Mountain Resort in Rossland, British Columbia has completed the largest expansion of any ski resort in North America in more than four decades. The development of Grey Mountain means an additional 1,000 acres of mostly intermediate terrain to the existing resort. Part of BC's renowned Powder Highway, Red is a two and a half hour drive from Spokane, Washington and three hours from Kelowna.

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Perks for powder hounds



Cat tracks and snowshoes

Alberta's Fortress Mountain was closed as a ski resort in 2006. Over the last three years, KPOW (Kananaskis Powder) skiing at Fortress Mountain has brought a cat skiing operation back to sections of the mountain. Ski leaders will tour and teach anyone wanting to take advantage of the eight to 11 metres of annual snowfall. New this year, KPOW is partnering with White Mountain Adventures to offer snowshoeing at Fortress Mountain.



Brand new trails at Blue!

Ontario's premier ski resort, Blue Mountain, has added an additional 64 acres with its Orchard Expansion, which includes six new trails and the latest high-speed chairlift system to get you there. Their lift rate specials are on designated weeks from January to March, but for those spontaneous, flexible souls, Blue Mountain offers a last-minute Hot Deals club that includes the full gamut of accommodations.



Happy 75th Tremblant!

Quebec's Mont Tremblant is turning 75 this year. As part of the anniversary celebrations, the resort has invested \$5 million into The Westin Resort & Spa Tremblant and renovated a number of boutiques and restaurants in the resorts' charming village. The mountain is featuring a long lineup of events throughout the winter including its traditional New Year's Eve party, the official 75th anniversary spring celebrations, the must-attend Caribou Cup, and a new Red Bull signature event that extends over four weekends from March 29 to April 19.



Ski — then stay at La Ferme

If you are planning to hit the slopes of Le Massif de Charlevoix this winter, avoid the 45 minute commute back and forth between Quebec City and stay at the Hôtel La Ferme. Constructed out of an old dairy farm in the middle of a field in Baie-Saint-Paul, this charming hotel is connecting by rail to the ski hills. From the hotel's lobby, skiers can walk into the train station, choose a take-out lunch, hop on the rail shuttle with their skis and get off right at the foot of trails.

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Packing. Keep it light, wrinkle resistant and wear — don't carry — your heaviest shoes

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News in New York

Packing has to be more than just jamming a bunch of wrinkled clothes into an old duffel bag. As prices for checked bags creep upward (it can cost anywhere between \$25 to \$175 if your suitcase is overweight), knowing how to get where you're going with as little bulk as possible is vital to making your trip a good one.

Donna Smallin Kuper knows a thing or two about tight spaces (and organizational wizardry). She's the author of *The One Minute Organizer*, and a recent convert to the nomadic tribe of RV enthusiasts (she's gone cross-country and has plans for several stops in 2014.) Kuper says that wrinkles must be out of the question when space is tight. "I don't own an iron anymore," she admits, adding that all of the outfits she packed into her RV were wrinkle-resistant. "When you're selecting outfits, think about what can you roll up and

then unroll with virtually no wrinkles," she suggests.

If you can't avoid bringing a blazer or a dress shirt that may wrinkle while packed in a suitcase, Kuper's solution is to use the plastic from the dry cleaner's to line the inside and outside of the piece of clothing. "What happens is that the plastic bag helps prevent it from creasing," she says. "The fabric rolls around the plastic so it's good enough so that you can get where you're going and immediately hang those items and you'll be fine."

When it comes to a love of shoes, Kuper says to start with weight and go from there. "I usually wear my heaviest shoes. If I plan to bring boots, I'm going to wear them on my travel days because they take up so much room," she says.

Patrick Smith's love of travel extends beyond his job as a pilot. He's been to more than 80 countries worldwide and recently authored a book, *Ask the Pilot*, based on his blog of the same name. Smith approaches travel with a perspective that's inspiring to anyone who has wrestled with increased security, baggage fees and long lines: "Airplanes are more than just a means to an end, it's a part of the journey," he says, acknowledging that this carefree attitude is a harder sell now that

flying can be a bummer.

Smith has love for the small, neat roller bag he brings with him — and inside is evidence of his black-belt packing experience. He says he has packing down to an art, getting ready for a 10 day, multi-country trip in 25 minutes. His advice starts with the gadgets that ultimately rule our lives: chargers, USB cables, headphones and the like. "I did an inventory on

all the stuff that I carry with me now that I didn't carry with me 10 years ago and it's startling," he says. "These things are supposed to make life easier, but they make packing difficult."

Smith suggests keeping all of the technological amenities in one pouch, and to buy a second version of any tech accessories so that you can have one pouch with everything ready to go.

Other tips

- Always travel with a few plastic bags to transport muddy/wet clothes back home.
- Choose a colour scheme for your outfits. "That way everything you bring can mix and match and you don't need as many things."
- Instead of bringing your finest perfume (and having to dump it at security) Kuper says to douse a cotton swab in your favorite scent and then put it in a ziplock bag.



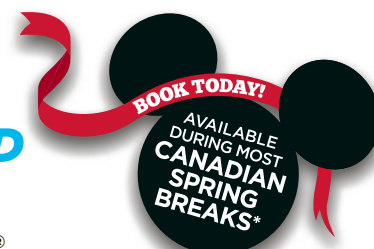
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The historic plaza in Santa Fe, N.M., lit up for Christmas. A blend of Spanish, Anglo and Native traditions mark the holiday season in New Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Mexico mixes up holiday celebrations

Festive twist. The state's cultural mix makes for some unique seasonal events

No matter when you visit New Mexico, the state's cultural mix is part of the appeal. Spanish colonial history, Native traditions and Anglo and Mexican influences are seen year-round in everything from architecture to food. But the Christmas season offers additional ways to experience this unique heritage.

Hallmarks of the holiday include the luminaria and farolito traditions. These candles, usually placed in paper bags weighted with sand, look like lanterns and are carried in nighttime processions or lined up along streets, driveways or rooftops to create a display. Luminaria can also refer to a bonfire, while the term farolito is more like-

ly to be heard in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico than in Albuquerque.

And while fir, balsam and pine perfume the air at Christmas in other parts of the country, here it's the scent of burning juniper and pinon.

Many places in New Mexico host annual events Christmas Eve and Christmas Day centred around the luminaria tradition. The main plazas of both Albuquerque and Santa Fe are decorated with thousands of luminarias.

Albuquerque offers walking tours of luminaria displays on Christmas Eve while Santa Fe hosts a procession called Las Posadas, which tells the story of Jesus. Spectators gather with candles in the city's historic plaza to watch the parade, which is followed by a Christmas at the Palace event at Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors. This event includes Hispanic, Anglo and

Also in Albuquerque

The River of Lights runs through Dec. 19 at the BioPark Zoo and Botanic Gardens, with a walk-through lighting display and entertainment.

Native traditions, from caroling to Native dances to an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Midnight Christmas Mass is held at the nearby Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

In Santa Fe's Canyon Road area, known for art galleries and studios, there's also a farolito walk on Christmas Eve, with businesses around the neighbourhood offering hot cider, hot chocolate and posole, a hearty soup that's traditional around Christmas.

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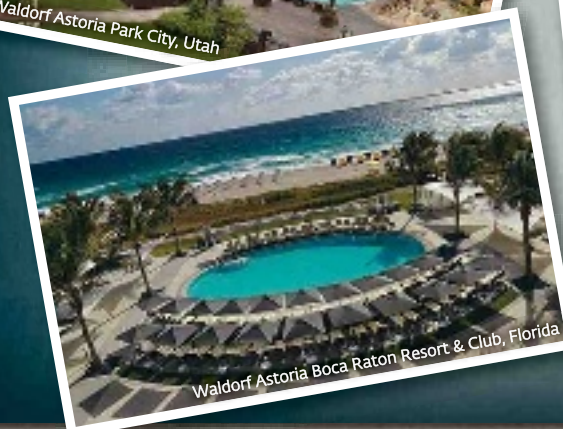
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Chestnuts roasting on an open fire? They'd be happier in these truffles

Who doesn't love chocolate truffles? They are the essence of chocolate, and a sure-fire mood enhancer. Pop even one into your mouth and see if you don't get happy.

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the chestnuts and water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook until the chestnuts are very tender and all the water has been absorbed, about 30 minutes.

2. Add the milk and heat the mixture until it just comes to a simmer. Remove the pan from the heat, add the chocolate, then recover the pan. Let stand off the burner until the chocolate is melted, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir and transfer to a blender along with the espresso powder, salt, corn syrup and liquor. Blend until very smooth.

3. Transfer to a bowl, cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill until very firm, at least 3

Ingredients

- 5.2-oz pkg roasted and peeled chestnuts, medium chopped
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup low-fat evaporated milk
- 4 oz bittersweet chocolate, medium chopped
- 1 tsp instant espresso powder or 1 tbsp instant coffee
- Pinch of table salt
- 2 tbsp light corn syrup
- 2 tsp Tia Maria, Kahlua, Baileys, brandy or rum
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder

hours. Form the mixture into small balls (about 2 tsp each) and roll the balls in the cocoa powder until they are coated, shaking off the excess. Chill until ready to serve. Will keep, refrigerated, for 2 weeks.

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Spiked Mocha Chestnut Truffles



This recipe makes 20 truffles. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Peppermint Sapphire Splash

- 1 and 1/2 oz Bombay Sapphire
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- 1 and 1/2 oz white cranberry juice
- 1/2 oz peppermint liqueur
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He has a can-do attitude

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Think you have too much on your plate? Have people telling you you're under-qualified and not skilled enough for what you want to do? You can do anything you set your mind to — just ask Santa.

He asks for what he needs

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of people relying on him to gear up and deliver — literally.

He knows he can do it, but he also knows he might need a little help along the way.

Santa has no shame in asking for some milk and cookies to give him the energy he needs to power through.

If you feel like you don't

have all the tools or training you need to most effectively do your job, speak up!

Your boss wants you to be productive — and if there's something you need help with in order to do just that, they should know about it.

He gives back

Santa never steals the spot-

light, constantly paying recognition to his hardworking elves and reindeer: two very important pieces in the holiday puzzle. Santa couldn't be Santa without a team and he knows that.

Santa also engages. Write him a letter and he will write back!

As we all know, so much of the job market nowadays

He follows the dress code

He follows the dress code

- It's easy to get too comfortable at a place of employment, or reach that point where you've been there long enough that you start trying to get away with more and more.
- Santa has been doing the same job for what likely feels like forever, yet his outfit never disappoints. After hundreds of years delivering toys across the globe, he still shows up in a suit. Every. Single. Year.
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Hug it out

Ronaldo fan cleared of charges

Prosecutors in South Florida have dropped charges against an excited Canadian fan who got onto the field and hugged Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo during an August match.

The Miami-Dade state attorney's office announced Monday it would not prosecute 20-year-old Ronald Gjoka, an Albanian-born Canadian citizen, on trespassing charges. During Real Madrid's 3-1 Guinness International Champions Cup victory over Chelsea, Gjoka hugged Ronaldo for several seconds before police escorted him away.

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UFC

Rousey backs St-Pierre's decision to take leave

UFC champion (Rowdy) Ronda Rousey says Georges St-Pierre was right to leave mixed martial arts, if for no other reason than to preserve his health.

"We're not really doing nine to five or sitting down in a cubicle," the UFC's inaugural women's bantamweight champion said Tuesday. "If you fight for a living, you're fighting for your life every time you go in there. It's a stressful situation, if you think about it."

Rousey (7-0) noted that St-Pierre, with his controversial win last month over Johny (Bigg Rig) Hendricks at UFC 167, had set a UFC total fight time record with five hours 28 minutes 12 seconds in the Octagon. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Cody Ceci celebrates his first NHL goal, which gave the Sens a 3-2 overtime win over the Blues at the Canadian Tire Centre on Monday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Ceci compels Sens to take longer look

NHL. Ottawa native sticking around with big club as regular recall, team now carrying eight defencemen

Quoted

"That was my goal coming here was that I wanted to make a good impression."

Cody Ceci, who turns 20 on Saturday, on being given the chance to stay with the Senators.

longs in the NHL.

The Senators announced Tuesday that Ceci's status had gone from an emergency recall to a regular recall and say they will carry eight defencemen for the foreseeable future.

"He's played with good poise," said Senators coach Paul MacLean. "It's good to see in a young player that he's able

to come in and play that way."

The Ottawa native was the hometown hero Monday night, scoring the overtime winner in a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

"It was just a great feeling for everyone," Ceci said. "I'm just happy getting the first one out of the way. It was a great night."

Marc Methot, also from Ottawa, says he's been impressed with Ceci's composure since he was recalled from the Binghamton Senators of the American Hockey League.

"He's handled himself so well," Methot said. "We're all real happy for him and he's a bright spot on this hockey club and in the future here."

Ceci seems to have a knack for scoring big goals. His two goals with Binghamton this season were overtime winners and his first goal in the Ontario Hockey League was a game-winner.

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Dineen named Canadian women's coach



Hockey Canada announced Kevin Dineen as the new head coach of the national women's team in Calgary on Tuesday. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With less than two months to go until the Sochi Olympics, Kevin Dineen will have to hit the ground running as the new head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team.

Dineen was named to the post Tuesday, just a few days after Dan Church's surprise resignation. Dineen was signed for the remainder of the season and will guide the defending champions at the Feb. 7-23 Winter Games.

"This has been a whirlwind few days but when this opportunity presented itself

Up next

Canada will meet the U.S. in an exhibition game on Friday in Grand Forks, N.D.

I immediately jumped at it," Dineen said at a news conference.

It's the first international coaching job for Dineen, who served as head coach of the NHL's Florida Panthers for parts of three seasons until he was fired last month. He previ-

ously served as head coach of the AHL's Portland Pirates for six seasons (2005-11).

"We're very excited that Kevin will join the coaching staff of Canada's national women's team and bring his unique perspective to the dressing room," Hockey Canada chief operating officer Scott Smith said in a statement. "Kevin has had success in both the AHL and NHL, and we're looking forward to him being a part of the staff for the final push towards Sochi."

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Senators of a season ago appear to be lost



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After a Senators Nov. 17 home loss to the Blue Jackets that dropped their record to .500, an irate Paul MacLean stated if his club was on the same path at Game 30, it'd be a realization that "We are what we are ... and it's not going to be much fun."

With a record of 6-7-2 since that time, the laughs are sparse. The reality is, after 35 games, not much has changed. Repetitive issues continue to dog the club:

Poor starts: The Senators have trailed 1-0 in 23 of 35 games and 2-0 on 18 occasions.

Home disadvantage: The Canadian Tire Centre has become the enemy. The club is 7-9-3 at home, causing fans to become restless and apathetic. There have been four crowds of 16,000 or fewer. Adding insult, the Senators are 1-5-1 in afternoon games, a new wrinkle that's not panning out.

From top to bottom: The club's goaltending has gone from the league's second best last season to 26th. Craig Anderson hasn't found his game. Robin Lehner is consistent but clearly hasn't shown he's an everyday starter. However, the players share the blame. The team is 27th in shots allowed per game at 34.1.

Parity rules the day in the NHL's new playoff structure. There are currently eight teams, including the Senators vying for two positions. Ottawa trails eighth-place Toronto by three points. However, they're also having to play leap frog on a nightly basis with five squads who are within a point



Captain Jason Spezza is one of a handful of key Senators up for free agency after the 2014-15 season. DREW HALLOWELL/GETTY IMAGES

or two of one another.

Therein lies GM Bryan Murray's dilemma. Does he attempt to improve a Senators roster that's chasing a wild-card spot or unload players that don't fit into next season's plan?

The team is not in a position to rest on its laurels and has to make a change. Murray needs to look beyond this season. The contracts of Anderson, Clarke MacArthur, Marc

Methot, Bobby Ryan and Jason Spezza all expire at the end of 2014-15. Murray must do his utmost to keep the roster as competitive as possible or risk losing key cogs down the road.

How the GM acts remains to be seen. Many pundits tabbed this lineup to be an upper-echelon playoff team, unfortunately for the Senators the games aren't performed on paper and the players have yet to show any consistency.

Snowboarding

White expects to return on weekend

Shaun White's balky left ankle apparently isn't going to keep the two-time Olympic gold medallist out of this weekend's World Cup event in Colorado.

White posted a picture of a halfpipe on his Facebook page on Tuesday. The picture included a message that read "I am in the building" as an introduction.

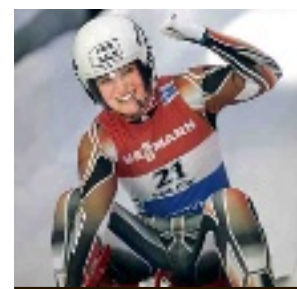
White tweaked the ankle during his first run in the halfpipe finals of an event in Breckenridge, Colo., on Saturday.

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Luge. Canada names team tasked with ending drought

World Championship and World Cup medallist Alex Gough and two-time Olympian Sam Edney will lead a promising Canadian luge team into the Sochi Games with the goal of bringing home the country's first Olympic medal in the sport.

The Canadian Luge Association officially named seven athletes to the 2014 Olympic team Tuesday. Edney leads teenagers John Fennell and Mitchel Malyk into their first Games in men's singles. Tristan Walker and Justin Smith will represent Canada in doubles, while Gough, will be joined by Kimberley McRae



Alex Gough THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in women's singles. Arianne Jones and Jordan Smith will race off in Calgary on Wednesday and Thursday for the final women's spot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	33	22	9	2	92	70	46
Montreal	35	20	12	3	88	75	43
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	3	90	80	41
Detroit	35	15	11	9	89	94	39
Toronto	35	17	15	3	98	102	37
Ottawa	35	14	15	6	99	113	34
Florida	34	12	17	5	78	109	29
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	55	96	17

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	35	24	10	1	108	75	49
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
NY Rangers	34	16	17	1	76	91	33
Philadelphia	33	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
Columbus	34	14	16	4	87	95	32
NY Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

Tuesday's results

Calgary at Boston
Winnipeg at Buffalo
Tampa Bay at NY Islanders
Florida at Toronto
Anaheim at Detroit
Phoenix at Montreal
Washington at Philadelphia
Vancouver at Minnesota
San Jose at St. Louis
Chicago at Nashville
Colorado at Dallas
Edmonton at Los Angeles

Monday's results

Winnipeg 3 Columbus 2
Pittsburgh 3 Toronto 1
Ottawa 3 St. Louis 2 (OT)
Colorado 6 Dallas 2

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	36	24	7	5	135	101	53
St. Louis	32	22	6	4	112	76	48
Colorado	32	22	9	1	94	75	45
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	81	81	43
Dallas	32	15	12	5	92	99	35
Nashville	33	16	14	3	77	92	35
Winnipeg	35	15	15	5	93	102	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	35	23	7	5	111	89	51
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	94	68	48
San Jose	33	20	7	6	108	82	46
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	98	83	45
Phoenix	32	18	9	5	104	100	41
Calgary	33	13	15	5	86	106	31
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	93	120	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	28	47
Kane, Chi	19	26	45
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	23	39
Ovechkin, Wash	27	10	37
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Backstrom, Wash	8	28	36
Steen, StL	22	13	35
Thornton, SJ	5	30	35
Seguin, Dal	18	15	33
Kunitz, Pgh	17	16	33
Sharp, Chi	16	17	33
Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	4	.833	—
d-Miami	18	6	.750	2
Atlanta	13	12	.520	7 1/2
d-Boston	12	14	.462	9
Detroit	12	14	.462	9
Washington	10	13	.435	9 1/2
Charlotte	10	14	.417	10
Toronto	9	13	.409	10
Chicago	9	14	.391	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	10 1/2
Brooklyn	9	15	.375	11
Orlando	8	17	.320	12 1/2
New York	7	17	.292	13
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	21	4	.840	—
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	1
d-San Antonio	19	5	.792	1 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	4 1/2
Houston	16	9	.640	5
Phoenix	14	9	.609	6
Denver	14	9	.609	6
Dallas	14	10	.583	6 1/2
Golden State	13	12	.520	8
New Orleans	11	11	.500	8 1/2
Minnesota	12	13	.480	9
L.A. Lakers	11	13	.458	9 1/2
Memphis	10	13	.435	10
Sacramento	7	15	.318	12 1/2
Utah	6	21	.222	16

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Portland at Cleveland
Sacramento at Charlotte
L.A. Lakers at Memphis
Oklahoma City at Denver
New Orleans at Golden State
Monday's results
Detroit 101 Indiana 96
Boston 101 Minnesota 97
Atlanta 114 L.A. Lakers 100
Miami 117 Utah 94
Washington 102 New York 101
Brooklyn 130 Philadelphia 94
Orlando 83 Chicago 82
L.A. Clippers 115 San Antonio 92

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It has a lot of new in it, on it and under it, but unless you're really paying attention, you might not realize it.

On the surface, you have to wonder about the time and money spent to build the 2014 Kia Soul, but it's really no different than with brands such as Mini that spend millions on a new car that looks much the same as before. That's "the brand" after all.

The Mini has more history than the Soul, but the Soul is no less unique and there is a certain cachet about it. Only a handful of models have tried to match the Soul's artful shape since it arrived for the 2011 model year.

For the mid-cycle refresh, Kia's California and Korea-based design teams used the 2012 Track'ster concept show vehicle as a starting point. They did tone down that bit of zaniness (a two-door wagon doesn't cut it out in the real world), but a number of shape-shifting elements were passed along to the 2014 Soul. The Soul's overall packaging has also been upsized a bit. The distance between the front and rear wheels increases by about 2.5 centimetres while about 1.5-centimetres has been added to the width.

These changes, along with a slight body-height reduction, give the Soul a more planted ap-

pearance. On the practical side, cargo space has been increased slightly (with the rear seats up or folded flat) and the liftgate opening is now six centimetres wider.

The added size comes from a new platform that's larger and considerably stiffer (by 29 per cent). Combined with a numerous suspension revisions, Kia claims the 2014 Soul is quieter and has an improved ride that performs more smoothly over bumps and undulations.

Also adding to the cabin's allure is a thoroughly revised and upgraded dashboard, control panel and seat coverings. Nearly all of the plasticity bits are now covered in/replaced with soft-touch materials, as are the door panels. The steering wheel resembles a game-console controller, but at least the controls are large enough to be activated by average-sized digits.

Both of the Soul's four-cylinder engine choices return for 2014, albeit in slightly revised form. The base 1.6-litre unit is rated at 130 horsepower and 118 pound-feet of torque (previously 138/123), while the optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder returns with the same 164 horsepower as before, but with a slight increase in torque. Kia says both powerplants make more torque in lower rev ranges for better around-town performance.

With an \$18,700 starting price (including destination charges), the base Soul LX covers the basics, but includes heated outside mirrors, six-speaker audio system and Bluetooth short-range wireless networking.

Along with the larger en-

2014 Kia Soul

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (130); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt. with 1.6; std. with 2.0)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$18,700

Design

In front, a revised "bulldog" nose and enlarged grille adds greater definition, while at the opposite end the Track'ster-inspired boomerang-shaped taillights appear to be floating inside the rear glass, as does the rear body panel built into the liftgate. The effect is simply brilliant.

Fuel economy

The 1.6 comes with a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic, but the 2.0 is only available with the automatic. The 1.6 is rated at 6.5 l/100 km in the city and 8.6 on the highway with the manual gearbox (6.6/8.5 with the automatic).



The Kia Soul's new cabin has less plastic and a button laden steering wheel.

gine and standard air conditioning and automatic transmission, the mid-range EX adds keyless entry, cruise control, heated front seats and 17-inch alloy wheels (16-inch steel wheels are standard).

Atop the Soul trim trio, the SX has 18-inch wheels and power-folding mirrors, while the interior comes with dual-zone climate control, leather seat covers, push-button start, a chilled glove box and a rear-view camera.

The options list is truly extensive and covers off a navigation system with 20-centimetre touch-screen, power-sliding panoramic sunroof, 10-way power driver's seat and premium Infinity-brand sound package.

Taken in its entirety, the Soul, like the Mini Cooper, is set up to be a niche brand unto itself with a wide range of pricing and options and, of course, that unmistakable "Soul-ness."

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Stars and cars, flash and cash. The 2013 Los Angeles Auto Show didn't disappoint with its usual blend of style and speed, all gracing dozens of stages throughout the Los Angeles Convention Center.

From gaudy and showy to practical and ecological, nearly 50 production vehicles made worldwide and U.S. debuts alongside the launches of about a dozen fresh concepts.

With the global economy continuing to show signs of life, an estimated 1,000,000 spectators passed through the turnstiles during the 10-day event (Nov. 22 to Dec. 1) that unofficially kicks off the North American auto-show season every fall.

Automakers pulled out all the horsepower and star-power to attract both thrifty and lavish new-car buyers this year in an ultra-competitive market.

Tennis great Maria Sharapova climbed from the driver's seat of the new 2015 Porsche Macan during its unveiling — one of the most anticipated world debuts at the show — while NBA star Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers was in house to promote a long list of vehicles Kia brought to L.A.

Sharing the same opening date as the 2013 Tokyo Motor Show, the L.A. Auto Show had to share some of the international headlines, but not enough to diminish the importance and influence this West Coast vehicle expo traditionally has on the approaching auto season.

So, what's new?

When it comes to cars and California, enough is never enough in terms of styling, luxury and technology. Last year's message of conservative efficiency took a backseat this year to speed, power, status and excess. The sleek and sexy 2015 Jaguar F-Type Coupe emerged as the headline act among the debut vehicles. Not even TV mogul Simon Cowell and supermodel Miranda Kerr could hold audience attention as the new Jaguar Coupe made its grand debut with a full-throttle, ear-busting entrance into the arena while the two stars stood nearby.



Arguably the star of the show was the striking Mercedes Benz Vision Gran Turismo.



The Ford Edge concept also looked very impressive.

Ready for spring of 2015, the best version of what

is essentially a hardtop version of the two-seat F-Type roadster features a 550-horsepower supercharged V8 that propels it to 100 km/h from zero in 4.0 seconds and to a top speed of 298 km/h. For those with slightly smaller budgets, Porsche countered with its own show-stopper in the 2015 Macan, a compact tall wagon that combines pizzazz, performance and nearly endless customization options.

Porsche debuted two Macan models in L.A. with differing V6 powerplants: the 300-horsepower Macan S; and the 400-horsepower Macan Turbo. The Turbo goes from standstill to 100 km/h in 4.6 seconds. Both models are scheduled to arrive at Canadian dealerships late in the spring of 2015, with base pricing set at \$54,300 (Canadian funds) for the S and \$82,200 for the Turbo.

For the more blue-collar driver, Chevrolet launched its 2015 Colorado in the hopes of rejuvenating a rather stagnant mid-size pickup truck segment. Based on a new global truck platform first shown two years ago, Chevy believes the versatile Colorado will rival the popular small pickups from Toyota and Nissan, and appeal to people with active lifestyles who aren't interested in a car or a full-size truck. Quiet, comfortable and rugged (according to Chevy), the Colorado will initially offer a 2.5-litre four-cylinder and a 3.6-litre V6. A six-speed auto-



Honda's extremely futuristic-looking concept, the FCEV, definitely got tongues wagging with its unusual yet sleek design



The Jaguar F-Type Coupe was one of the headlining acts in Los Angeles, and rightfully so.



Tennis star Maria Sharapova helped to introduce the Porsche Macan. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

matic transmission is standard, but a six-speed manual is also available (for four-cylinder Work Truck models only) and a 2.8-litre turbo-diesel option will be added to the Colorado catalogue for the 2016 model year. Pricing has yet to be set.

So, What else?

Production models weren't the only vehicles making headlines at the L.A. Auto Show as the usual parade of quirky and fascinating concept vehicles drew plenty of attention. By far, the Mercedes-Benz Vision Gran Turismo created the most chatter. This striking sports car features gull-wing doors and was designed to resemble a big cat on the hunt with a blend of some old-school classic Mercedes race cars nicely blended in. Inspiration for the design came from the new Gran Turismo 6 video game. And while there are no plans for a production version of this car, a few design ideas are expected to find some future Mercedes models, especially the replacement for the SLS AMG that's at the end of the road. Honda offered a glimpse into its long-term commitment to improving hydrogen fuel-cell technology and performance — and perhaps a hint at the direction of some futuristic sci-fi looking model designs — with its FCEV. This creative concept is powered by a

Correction

In last week's AutoKnow we said the services of Canada Drive Away costed "typically not more than \$500." It should have read not less than \$500. Metro apologizes for the error.

hydrogen fuel "stack" that converts hydrogen to electricity. Instead of plugging in at night as you might with a battery powered car, you just make sure the tank is full of hydrogen and you're good to go. No "range anxiety," as long as there's hydrogen around. Honda plans to have it ready for production and launch sometime in 2015. And with an eye to the longer-term, Ford pulled the curtain on its Edge concept, which is a vehicle that takes a couple more steps toward full vehicle autonomy with its use of ultrasonic sensors. It features a fully-assisted parking aid that can be activated from inside the vehicle or by remote control and will prompt the car to navigate into and out of a parking space, with no driver assistance. The LA Auto Show might never attract the media or industry interest of the annual show in Detroit (coming up in January). But when it comes to celebrating big names and memorable debuts, nobody does it better than the folks in Tinseltown.

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Three ways to beat the winter driving blues



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Seems to me it's just as crucial to prepare your mood for winter driving as it is to prepare your vehicle for winter driving.

This occurred to me last weekend as I drove through a winter storm, or at least what the weather media elite here in Central Canada now call a winter storm. Could be wrong, but didn't we once just call this type of thing "winter"? Anyways, here are three ways you might adjust your mood, to be the boss of winter driving, and not the other way around...

Realize the Fun Factor

It's not a wintery mess, it's an opportunity to get the vehicle a little "loose" on the snow. And that's fun. Well, fun until you hit something hard, and

a lot of people in uniforms come calling. Sliding around an empty, snow-covered parking lot, used to be the time-honoured way teenage boys learned car control. Put on some Twisted Sister and give it a try. Even if you don't have a run-off safety zone or empty parking lot at your disposal, just revel in the extra brain energy it takes to drive on slippery surfaces. It's engaging, entertaining and probably at least as effective in staving off dementia as doing crossword puzzles.

Appreciate the Diversity of Driving Talent

Nothing separates the good driver from the duffer like a snowy road. The speed differential between a person who knows how to drive in the snow, with a vehicle equipped for such, versus a person who has no clue, with a vehicle with even less of clue, is really quite amazing. If you're the former, and following the latter and can't pass, it can be one of the most exasperating driving scenarios you'll ever encounter. It's the driving equivalent of having your recess time cut into, because your teacher won't release the whole class until everybody has their coats on, and some of your classmates

are still confounded by the physics of zippers. Instead of seething and showing off your excellent vocabulary of four-letter words, why not just revel in the diversity, and let patience and the pride of your superior driving abilities be your pre-dominant state of mind.

Leverage the Technology

Winter tire technology has shot up lately. They used to be quite a bit better in the cold, slush and snow than all-seasons. Now they're crazy better. They take a winter weakling of a vehicle and turn it into a minor superhero of a winter vehicle, and driving a superhero is definitely mood-altering. And we'd like to give props to Canadian Tire, for being the first to commission the development of an all-season tire that actually changes colour at 7 degrees Celsius, the point at which they start to struggle, by becoming less pliable and less able to grip the road. It's your signal that it's time to swap them for those super capable winters.

Interestingly, the technology is not unlike a mood ring. When the temperature drops, your mood is susceptible to drop too. But it doesn't have to — mind bend it the other way.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will get exactly what you deserve today: no more and no less. If the rewards are good don't doubt that you have earned them; and if the rewards are not so good then aim to do better next time.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will have to do something that makes you unpopular but if you don't do it now you may have to do something twice as bad later on.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Money matters may be causing you concern but other aspects indicate you can still have lots of fun. Besides, if you keep too tight a hold of the purse strings now you may have to spend more later.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The important thing today is that you don't over-extend yourself physically, financially or emotionally. Know your limits and stay within them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cosmic activity in positive areas of your chart urges you to open up and let friends and family know what you need in terms of both material wellbeing and emotional support.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

People will be demanding of you today and there may come a time when you realize you are being taken for a ride. The fact is they could have done most of these things for themselves if they wanted to. Make them wish they had.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

At some stage today your frustration is likely to bubble over and you will say or do something that you later regret. But, even so, it's good to remind those around you that your patience is finite.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't get things all your own way today, especially on the home front where partners and loved ones are anything but reasonable. The good news is this is only a passing phase.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There will be a setback concerning a money matter or business deal and you won't be happy about it. But is it worth getting worked up about?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It seems you are stuck with a decision you took a while back and would do anything to get yourself out of now. That might just be possible today but the planets warn it won't come cheap.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Delays of one sort or another are likely over the next 24 hours but while it may be frustrating it could also inspire you to try a different route.

Pisces

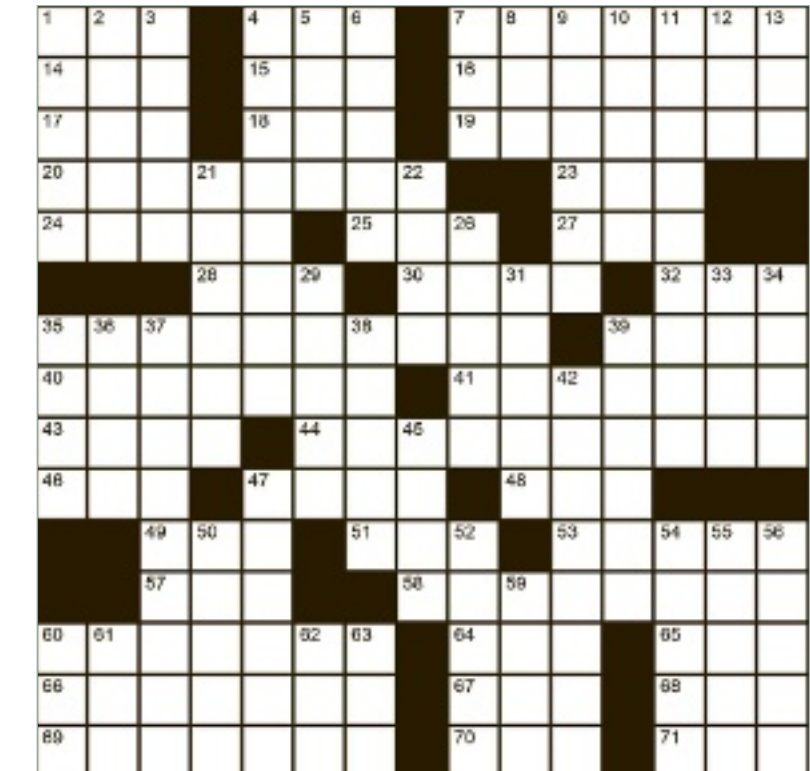
Feb. 20 - March 20

You seem to have lost your way a little and the planets suggest you swallow your pride and ask someone who knows what they are doing to help you. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- 15, 30 or 50, e.g.
4. Opening
7. Truck
14. Airport sched. word
15. British singer Rita
16. By mistake: 2 wds.
17. ___disant (Self-styled)
18. Martini ingredient
19. Canadian comic book superheroine, ___ of the Northern Lights
20. Saskatchewan city east of Saskatoon
23. Driver's proof, e.g.
24. Improvise
25. Sushi tuna
27. Tattoo artist's supply
28. "___ guy walks into..."
30. Botanist Mr. Gray's
32. Sports org.
35. Michael J. Fox, e.g.: 2 wds.
39. Earth's inner
40. Where Zagreb is the capital
41. Acquiesces
43. Er, I don't know-ish
44. Winter resort accommodations: 2 wds.
46. Literary fairy queen
47. Molt
48. Fashionable



- monogram
49. Freelancer's encl.
51. Six, in Italy
53. Entire
57. No Scrubs group
58. Canadian hockey brothers Phil or Tony
60. Mercy Mercy Me (The ___) by Marvin Gaye

64. Playboy Mansion's man, for short
65. Dorothy, to pals
66. Encounter: 2 wds.
67. Goof
68. Bug kind
69. Alberta village, home of the World's Largest Pyrogy
70. Actor Mr. Knight,

- et al.
71. Uncle on Seinfeld

Down

1. Alexander's nickname
2. Peacock's feeling
3. Czech composer, Rudolf ___
4. 1960s dancer's

- outfit part: 2 wds.
5. Botanical 'coat'
6. Zoo attraction
7. Wine: French
8. Compass point
9. Steve McQueen war movie, ___ for Heroes (1962)
10. Dick ___, legendary Montreal Canadiens

- coach
11. De-cypher: 2 wds.
12. Mr. Chaney
13. Period
21. France/Spain: Bay of ___
22. "Take ___!"
26. Hero of Upper Canada, Sir ___ Brock (b.1769 - d.1812)
29. TLC's Breaking ___
31. Like a shoe's support
33. Guitar bar
34. Not as much
35. Pond guck
36. ___ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)
37. Yukon: ___ Territorial Park
38. "For goodness ___!"
39. Orchestra instruments
42. Left-overs
45. Obsession, ___ fixe
47. Canadian cafe chain, ___ Cup
50. ___ the Family
52. The Kid ___
53. Tonite by Loverboy
54. Word with Wave
55. Make up for
56. ___ 6/49
59. "...and a partridge in a ___ tree."
60. Work unit
61. ___-de-sac
62. Ronny & The Daytonas hit
63. Far, quaintly

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play

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